

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office Letter of August 25, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration. The majority of the claims in this application have now been indicated as either directly allowed or containing allowable subject matter. The Applicant, by the foregoing amendment, has basically canceled claims that have been rejected by the Examiner and has amended other claims from dependent to independent form so as to now place all claims in condition for allowance.

In the Patent Office Letter the Examiner has rejected claims 51, 53 and 57-59 in view of the Parris '994 patent. Because these claims have now all been canceled from the application, this rejection is now moot.

The Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter in claims 1-16, 18-30, 32-39, and 41-50.

The Examiner has also indicated allowable subject matter in claims 52, 54-56, 60 and 61. Where appropriate, these claims have been placed into independent form, particularly claims 52, 54, 55, 56 and 60. Claim 62 has been added as a new claim but contains subject matter substantially the same as found in claim 61 but now depends from claim 54. Claim 62 should also be found in condition for allowance.

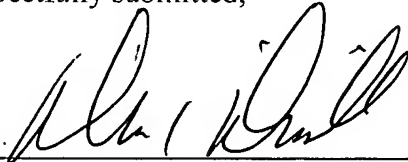
Accordingly, it is believed that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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